

RESOLUTION NO. 20080508-048

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The City Manager is directed to initiate code amendments requiring all new single-family homes and duplexes to comply with the City's Visitability standards, codified at City Code Chapter 5-1 (*Housing Discrimination*), which currently apply only to homes constructed with public funds. The amendments shall include all code changes needed to accomplish this objective, including but not limited to the following:

2006 International Residential Code (IRC)

- Require increased minimum door width for first floor doors and entryways.
- Require lever handle hardware required on all first floor doors and blocking behind the bath and toilet to allow for installation of grab bars.
- Incorporate existing exceptions and review procedures codified at City Code Chapter 5-1.

2005 Electrical Code

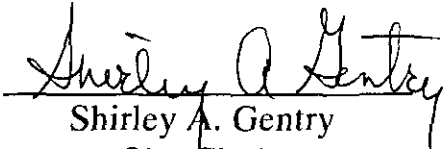
- Limit height of switches, thermostats, and electrical disconnects and receptacles.

City Code Chapter 5-1 (Housing Discrimination)

- Transfer Visitability requirements and procedures from City Code Chapter 5-1 to the IRC and Electrical Code.

ADOPTED: May 8, 2008

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk